

2002 NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL DESIGNATIONS (26 TOTAL)

The Air Line State Park Trail – South (Connecticut) - This almost 22-mile converted rail-trail provides recreational and educational opportunities to the towns of East Hampton, Colchester, Hebron, and Lebanon. This multi-use trail borders wetlands and passes through forests, rock-cuts, and meadows. In addition to its many natural features, the trail allows for recreational activities such as hiking, cross-country skiing, biking, and horseback riding.

The Baltimore and Annapolis Trail Park (Maryland) - Located in Anne Arundel County, the 13-mile linear park provides recreational and educational opportunities to schools, churches, scout troops, senior centers, and neighborhood organizations. Already noted as part of the East Coast Greenway and American Discovery Trail, this scenic trail is set among forested areas, wetlands, and historic sites. In addition to its many natural resources, the trail also provides recreation for people who enjoy activities such as horseback riding and inline skating.

The Central Canal Towpath Trail (Indiana) - This 5-mile trail follows a historic canal towpath dating back to 1836. It represents one of the few historic functioning canals and was designated as an American Water Landmark in 1971. In addition to its historical significance, the trail serves as a link to the Monon Rail-Trail and White River Trail and provides recreational opportunities including biking and cross-country skiing.

The General James A. Van Fleet Trail State Park (Florida) - The 29-mile converted rail-trail provides recreation and wildlife exposure while acting as an ecological corridor connecting the cities of Mabel and Polk City. This trail is one of three state park-managed trails and passes through the Green Swamp “Area of Critical State Concern,” a 322,690-acre wetland area. In addition to wildlife observation, the trail provides recreation for people who enjoy activities like biking and inline skating.

The Gateway State Trail (Minnesota) - The 18-mile converted rail-trail runs from urban St. Paul to the nationally significant St. Croix River Valley. It is a good example of a multi-use trail that provides links to a local and regional network of trails, parks, and greenways. In addition to its natural and historic resources, the trail also provides recreational opportunities like biking and horseback riding.

The Hay Creek Trail (North Dakota) - The 5-mile multi-use trail provides recreational and educational opportunities throughout Burleigh County. It acts as a corridor providing access to cultural and recreational facilities including the performing arts park at Sleepy Hollow Park, the fishing pond at the North Dakota Game & Fish Department, the Pebble Creek Golf Course, and the Burleigh County Fairgrounds. In addition, this trail allows users to enjoy a wide range of activities including biking and wildlife observation.

The Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail (Oregon) - This trail was the first major paved highway in the Pacific Northwest and the first scenic highway constructed in the United States. The almost 11-mile converted road-trail features historic bridges, tunnels, and beautifully arched rock masonry walls. In addition to these unique features, the trail also provides recreational opportunities like biking and wildlife observation.

The John Wayne Pioneer Trail (Washington) - This trail is 108 miles long and links the heavily populated Puget Sound region of western Washington over the Cascades to the more rural and agricultural lands of eastern Washington. This multi-use trail is an essential link in the emerging cross-state trail that will eventually connect Idaho to the Pacific Ocean. Depending on the time of year, visitors can enjoy a number of recreational opportunities including biking, hiking, horseback riding, and cross-country skiing. The interesting railroad history, proximity to Seattle, high levels of use, and links to other trails, make this trail a well deserving candidate for designation.

The Lake Wobegon Trail (Minnesota) - This 28-mile multi-use trail provides year-round recreational opportunities including hiking, fishing and snowshoeing. In addition, the trail acts as a link between the cities of Avon, Albany, Freeport, Melrose, and Sauk Centre. A product of a joint effort by Stearns County Parks, Minnesota Department of Transportation, seven cities, and local citizen groups, this trail is an example of what is possible through a successful partnership.

The Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Trail (South Dakota) - This trail is located along the Missouri River in Pierre and Fort Pierre, South Dakota and links over 30 miles of trails with nearly 50 historic, cultural, and recreational sites. The dramatic changes of scenery range from an urban waterfront and dense woodlands, to river-bottom cattails and flowers, meadow grasses, and open prairie vistas surrounded by craggy bluffs. This area includes a number of treasures: Lewis and Clark's camp site, a Winter Haven for eagles, and award-winning fishing along the trail.

The Lower Cache River Trail (Illinois) - This 3-mile trail is the result of a successful partnership between the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the U.S Fish & Wildlife Service, and the Nature Conservancy, which is working to preserve, restore, and manage a 60,000-acre complex of wetlands. The trail and surrounding area contains true southern swamps, 100 state-threatened or endangered plant and animal species, and 11 state champion trees. In addition to its many natural resources, the trail also provides recreational opportunities including fishing and kayaking.

The Mineral Belt Trail (Colorado) - This 12-mile trail features breathtaking views, connections to the State's mining and railroad history, and is a wonderful community resource that connects many important aspects of the town including the library, schools, hospital, and a senior living center. In addition, the trail also provides recreational opportunities including cross-country skiing and biking.

The Monon Rail-Trail (Indiana) - This almost 8-mile rail-trail, one of the State's first rail-trails, connects the Indianapolis community by providing a link between area neighborhoods and popular downtown attractions including the Indianapolis Art Center and Indiana State Fair Grounds. The trail also provides recreation for people who enjoy activities like inline skating and wildlife observation. In 2000, the trail was named one of the ten best examples of landscape architecture in Indiana by the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA).

The New River Trail State Park (Virginia) - This 57-mile linear state park passes through 4 counties in Southwest Virginia and follows the historic New River, the second oldest river in the world. The rail-trail provides a link to a number of nearby recreational areas, such as Shot Tower State Historical Park, and allows for a variety of activities, including hiking, biking, horseback riding, fishing, and natural and human history interpretation.

The North Fork Crow River Trail (Minnesota) - Located in Stearns County, this 29-mile backcountry and snow trail provides residents and visitors with ideal snowmobiling opportunities.

The North Cascades National Park/Ross Lake NRA Segment of the Pacific Northwest Trail (Washington) - This 60-mile trail segment is part of a continuous 1,200-mile trail route that runs from the Continental Divide to the Pacific Ocean. The trail path includes the Rocky and Selkirk Mountains, Pasayten Wilderness, North Cascades, Olympic Mountains, and the Wilderness Coast. In addition to its many scenic gems, the trail also provides recreation for people who enjoy activities like hiking, horseback riding, and wildlife observation.

The Pleasant Run Trail (Indiana) - This almost 7-mile trail connects Southeast Indianapolis neighborhoods to a variety of parks and recreational facilities. The trail runs along a creek and is a significant part of the Indianapolis greenways system. In addition to its natural resources, the trail also provides recreation for people who enjoy activities like fishing and biking.

The Port Royal Sound Adventure Trail (South Carolina) - Located within Port Royal Sound, this 100-mile network of watertrails and greenways combines seven State Heritage Preserves with a National Historic Landmark District, National Wildlife Refuge, state park, and military base. In addition to its historical and natural resources, the trail allows for recreational activities such as biking, fishing, boating, hiking, and horseback riding. This trail is an innovative example of what is possible through a successful partnership between various agencies and local groups.

The Poudre River Trail Corridor (Colorado) - This 9-mile trail provides recreational and educational opportunities to numerous community groups. The proposed 19-mile trail will interpret an important part of the State's history that many other mountain trails do not – agriculture, irrigation, and western water issues. In addition to the interpretive aspects, the trail offers access in and around those farming and ranching communities where there has been little recreational access in the past.

The Rivanna Trail (Virginia) - This 20-mile trail provides recreational and educational opportunities to numerous community groups including schools, scout troops, and senior citizens. The trail is home to diverse habitats and historic resources and has been nominated as a Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail. In addition, the trail provides recreation for people who enjoy outdoor activities like hiking and wildlife observation.

The Sacramento River Trail and Sacramento River Rail-Trail (California) - Based on a partnership between the City of Redding, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, and Shasta County, these trails are an example of what is possible through a joint effort between various agencies and local groups. Once completed, the river trail system will provide 20 miles

of public access to the Sacramento River between Shasta Dam and downtown Redding. This scenic trail system allows for a number of recreational activities including biking, hiking, boating, and horseback riding.

The Schuylkill River Water Trail (Pennsylvania) - This 142-mile water trail provides recreational opportunities throughout five counties along the historic Schuylkill River. It is home to many natural features including scenic vistas, waterfalls, and wetland areas. In addition to these natural features, the trail also provides recreation for people who enjoy activities like camping and kayaking. As part of the Schuylkill River National Heritage Area and Pennsylvania Heritage Corridor, this trail is an example of what can be achieved through a successful partnership.

The Silver Comet Trail (Georgia) - This almost 13-mile rail-trail serves as a significant connection between urban Marietta and surrounding neighborhoods, numerous side trails, and the 105-acre Heritage Park. This multi-use trail provides access to significant natural beauty that is unusual in metropolitan areas. Amidst historic woolen mills and scenic vistas, this rail-trail allows for recreational activities such as biking, jogging, hiking, and horseback riding.

The Suncoast Trail (Florida) - The 42-mile trail traverses through Hillsborough, Pasco, and Hernando Counties, and was the first to be designed and constructed by the Florida Turnpike Authority. It allows for safe, convenient recreational opportunities while providing for conservation of native landscape buffers. The trail also provides recreation for people who enjoy activities like biking and wildlife observation.

The TNT Motorsports Park (South Carolina) - Located within Chester County, this park offers 18 miles of trails as well as a 2-acre play area for all-terrain vehicles. Originating due to the lack of off-highway vehicle (OHV) trail use, this is the State's first privately owned OHV park managed for public use. In addition to OHV use, the trail provides recreation for people who enjoy activities like jogging and mountain biking.

The White River "Wapahani" Trail (Indiana) - The almost 5-mile trail is part of a more than 20-mile greenway that will stretch throughout the entire Indianapolis metropolitan area. It plays a vital role in connecting area neighborhoods with colleges, regional parks, and downtown locations. In addition to its connectivity, the trail also provides scenic views and recreation for people who enjoy activities like canoeing and rollerblading.